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Subj: Testimony in SUPPORT of Bill 11 - Relating to Public Parks  
Council, City and County of Honolulu

My name is Roger Ulveling and I am a resident of Lanikai, an area of Kailua at the southern end of Kailua Beach Park. I have lived in Kailua for over 40 years. I am in support of Bill 11, CD 1 that limits commercial activity at certain Kailua beach parks.

The State Legislature has been concerned about the carrying capacity of the State for tourism for some time. Residents of Kailua have been experiencing the difficulties of overloading and misuse of facilities with busloads of tourists coming to utilize the increasing number of commercial water sport vendors at the beach parks. Recent pictures have shown off-shore bird sanctuaries (Popoia Island and the Mokulua Islands), being inundated with rented kayaks, often hundreds per day.

Kailua is a residential area that has become a tourist mecca for water sports to the detriment of local residents. Our local beach parks (Kailua Beach Park and Kalama Beach Park) are being overrun with tourists bussed in to this residential area from tourist-designated areas such as Waikiki and vendors taking over areas of the park from space for instruction and staging, to parking of trucks or trailers with equipment limiting use by residents. Traffic has become a major problem. Police enforcement of existing rules and regulations seems to be on an exception basis.

In addition, the canal parcel (TMK 43011075) that includes some bank area belongs jointly to the City & County and the State of Hawaii and is adjacent to but not in the Kailua Beach Park and contributes to the problem. That parcel is used as a launching area and many times has large numbers of people lined up along the edge of the canal with their equipment and an instructor or representative of the equipment vendor addressing them. Non-regulation or non-enforcement of regulations in this area contributes to the problem. I recognize it is not park area and is not a part of Bill 11, CD1 but should be addresses through some means.

In Summary, Kailua Beach Park and Kalama Beach Park were established for the community, a residential community. They should not be used to support commercial endeavors which negatively impact and changes that residential community.

I strongly support Bill 11, CD1 and urge its passage.